

**Minutes of Nedging-with-Naughton Parish Council Meeting
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom – due to the Covid-19 Virus/Social Distancing)
held on Tuesday 12th January 2021**

Present at the virtual meeting: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Pratt, Cllr Witham, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Walker, District Cllr Leigh Jamieson, County Cllr Robert Lindsay. No members of the public accepted the advertised offer to attend.

1. Chairman's welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Councillors' declarations of interest

Cllr Walker declared an interest in Item 8 on the Agenda.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15/12/2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 15/12/2020 were approved and agreed as a true record. These minutes will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting at which the Council will be in attendance in person or posted at a later date.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Reports from the visiting Councillors

County Cllr Robert Lindsay read the County Report out to the meeting (see attached)

Cllr Lindsay will investigate the recent diversion that had been set up for Semer Road and New Road, when two different contractors had conflicting diversions being used.

BDC has suspended the garden waste collection service due to the Covid 19 problems.

Locality Fund requests need to be in by the end of February.

District Cllr Leigh Jamieson read the District Report out to the meeting (see attached)

It was commented that 30 minutes free parking in Hadleigh was not thought to be long enough.

It was commented as an observation, that Hadleigh High Street was looking much smarter.

6. Report from Village Hall & Community Council Representative

It was noted that the heat pump was maintaining frost free temperatures in the Village Hall during the cold weather.

The survey that was sent out to all residents regarding the extension to the village hall received a 50% response, of which the outcome was very positive, with 94% in favour. Feedback will be printed in the Roundabout magazine when it is back in circulation after the Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted.

7. Any planning applications received since the last meeting

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

8. Precept 2021/2022

The draft precept had been sent to Cllrs before the meeting. Tax base levels had been reduced at a late stage and there will be a small offset grant of £174, which slightly reduced the amount of precept required. The draft precept of £5,478 has been agreed and approved. The form will be submitted to BDC by 31st January 2021.

It was suggested that the level of Reserve/Contingency should be reduced by expenditure on assets for the Parish. This was not agreed and will be considered as an item on the next meeting Agenda.

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Chairman..... Date.....

9. Finance Report

Balance b/fwd. from previous meeting 15/12/2020 £7,641.91

Income

There has been no income since the last meeting.

Expenditure

22/12/2020	Clerk's Salary Q3	£726.70
29/12/2020	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£25.00

Total Expenditure £751.70

Balance as at 12/01/2021 £6,890.21

(Community Account £28.41 Premium Account £6,861.80)

There are no outstanding invoices.

A bank reconciliation has been completed for October to December 2020. Councillors were sent the reconciliation sheet and bank statements for those months. It was agreed that end of month balances are correct.

Direct Debits/BACS Payments/Broadband Review - It was agreed that the monthly direct debit to Sky for the broadband/telephone and also the annual direct debit to ICO should continue. The Sky contract expires 13/08/2021 (18 month contract) and the Clerk will review this in July. The Parish Council are aware that as a data controller, the Council must continue to pay a data protection fee and remain a member of the ICO. Other payments will continue to be paid by BACS whenever possible.

10. Clerk's Report

GDPR Compliance Review – The Council are aware of the requirement for GDPR compliance. All documents/policies are on the web site.

Clerk's Contract Review – The Clerk's contract was changed in September 2020 to increase payment for working from 4 to 5 hours and a scale increase from SCP 5 to SCP 6 as advised by SALC. It was agreed that no further changes are currently required.

11. Quiet Lanes

There was a presentation from Cllr Goodman. Semer Road has been accepted (joint with Whatfield). Nedging Road is waiting for a Suffolk Highways survey which has been put on hold due to Covid 19 regulations. There will need to be a public announcement and an open Parish Meeting when things have progressed further. It was thought that there might be a cost to the Parish in addition to the available grant for erecting appropriate signage.

12. Any Questions

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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